

Amendments to the Specification:

Replace paragraph two, beginning on page 13, line 23, with the following:

The electronic components which make up the home subsystem 258 can be arranged in a variety of ways. In the four unit subsystem of Figure 6a the view 266 and library 262 are wired together while the remaining components (communications connector 270' and video connection 212) communicate through RF transceivers 604. In this version of the home subsystem 258 the library 262 and viewer 266 are housed as two units. In another version of the home subsystem 258, as shown in Figure 6b, the functions of library 262 reside within the viewer 266 as one unit, and both the library 262 and the viewer 266 are contained within a common housing.

Replace paragraph one, beginning on page 14, line 4, with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 6c shows a two unit home subsystem with certain optional features. The view 266 is generally equipped with a high resolution viewing are 602, digital logic (including a key 605, security 606, and a microprocessor 621), video graphics control and memory 607, power supply circuitry 602 (not shown), an optional battery 603 and an optional RF transceiver 604. In a two unit arrangement, the library 262 contains the connector function to the delivery system 200, connector function to a public telephone communications system, and memory 600 (which may be removable and portable 600'). More specifically, the library 262 would include data stripping functions 617, digital logic 609, memory storage 600, power circuitry 610, optional telephone connections 611 (including cellular or PCN 611'), optional battery (not shown), optional tuner module 613 and an optional RF transceiver 604. The video connector 212, digital data connector 619, and the public telephone system connection 270, as well as the removable portable memory unit 600 of the library may be broken out into separate components. (Figure 6c shows a removable portable hard disk memory 600' with removable cartridges 614.)

Replace paragraph three, beginning on page 35, line 18, with the following amended paragraph:

Referring to Figure 13, the submenu for “Your Current Book” allows a subscriber to select a current book 884 and then determine what page to view. This selection is confirmed with submenu 885, which has a further submenu “Title Page” 886. The help submenu provides the subscriber with additional help screens 888. The submenus for available features 890 are preferably broken out into a separate submenu for each feature 891, 892. Examples of these features include the library menu and searching features explained with respect to Figures 12b and 12c.

Replace paragraph three, beginning on page 40, line 14, with the following amended paragraph:

The information download hardware upgrade 1001 (shown in Figure 16b) allows the subscriber to download large volumes of information from the operations center or cable headend using the set top converter 601. The hardware upgrade 1001 will enable subscribers to download data, such as books and magazines, to local storage. Primarily, the hardware upgrade 1001 is an additional local storage unit 1003 (e.g., hard disk, floppy, optical disk or magnetic cartridge and may include a microprocessor 1005, instruction memory 1007, and a random access memory 1009, as shown in Figure 16b). Preferably, a small portable viewer ~~912~~ is also provided with the upgrade 1001 to enable downloaded text to be read without the use of a TV.